

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
October 3rd, 2016

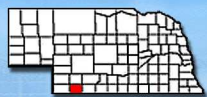
A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 3rd, day of October, 2016 commencing at 9:30 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Paul Nichols, County Clerk Margaret Pollmann and County Attorney D. Eugene Garner. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of October 3rd, 2016 agenda; 2. Approval of the September 19th, 2016 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 9,024.80
Marlene Bedore, mileage -----	\$ 86.40
Bridge of Hope Advocacy Center, budgeted funds -----	\$ 2,000.00
Richard Calkins, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 3,445.88
Clerk Dist. Ct., adv. costs -----	\$ 33.00
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,601.37
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 683.53
Linda Cook, mileage -----	\$ 98.28
Culbertson Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, same -----	\$ 3,000.00
Dr. Drain Rescue, repair -----	\$ 358.00
Terra Dutcher, mileage -----	\$ 75.60
ES&S, ballots/coding -----	\$ 743.55
Family Resource Center, budgeted funds -----	\$ 2,300.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,127.61
William Hay, repair -----	\$ 150.00
Hitch & Hay Public Transit, budgeted funds -----	\$ 6,000.00
McCook Humane Society, same -----	\$ 500.00
Darin Morgan, zoning admin. -----	\$ 1,084.82
NACO, registrations -----	\$ 375.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 268.95
Palisade Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Postmaster, postage -----	\$ 1,000.00



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Prairie Plains CASA, budgeted funds -----	\$ 3,000.00
Region II Human Services, 2 nd Qtr. Assessment -----	\$ 2,393.31
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,257.88
Dawn M. Siegfried, deposition CR 15-4 -----	\$ 258.10
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 37.07
Stratton Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 211.20
Tax Valuation Inc., services -----	\$ 2,500.00
Trenton Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
University of NE, license renewals -----	\$ 50.00
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 301.81
Volz, Inc., repair -----	\$ 1,035.02
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 455.03
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 2,000.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 8,736.63
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,299.25
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 19.50
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 175.35
Husker Steel, culverts -----	\$16,960.00
Kugler Co, chemicals -----	\$ 2,136.30
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 248.70
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,015.40
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 1,071.00
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 52.52
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 7,572.75
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 60.64
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 35.42
Western Tire, repair -----	\$ 132.45
NE Dept. Rev. Motor Fuels, fuel tax -----	\$ 496.00

VISITOR PROMOTIONAL FUND:

Flagship Publishing Inc., advertising -----	\$ 2,000.00
NE Tourism Commission, registration -----	\$ 175.00

E-911 PSC FUND:

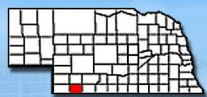
Centurylink, service -----	\$ 191.25
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 416.43

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 90.00
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 195.97

Member Wertz moved to approve the claim of RW Welding in the Road Fund in the amount of \$370.00 for repair. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols and McDonald. Member Wertz abstained. Motion carried.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #16-16 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the



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motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION 16-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners, Hitchcock County, Nebraska, that for the purpose of transferring money from the General Fund to the County Road Fund per the supporting schedule of transfers budgeted found in the County Budget, that the board directs the County Treasurer to transfer any Road Fund monies collected from the 2016 levy, which is a designated portion of the General levy for 2016, and that this transfer would occur by the Treasurer after each months collections have been calculated.

The designated portion from the 2016 County levy for the Road Fund is .058462 and the General Fund is .171519

The County Board believes that this is the most accurate way to keep track of Road Fund and General Fund revenues.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of October, 2016.

Scott McDonald, Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

Voting for the motion: McDonald, Wertz, Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None

Total General and Road Fund Tax Request = \$1,778,972.00

Tax request **Road** \$452,217 ÷ \$1,778,972 = .254201

Tax request **General** \$1,326,755 ÷ \$1,778,972 = .745799

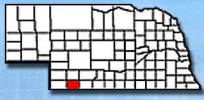
Total = 1.000000

Tax Request Road: \$452,217 ÷ Valuation \$773,528,749 = Road Fund Levy .058462

Tax Request General: \$1,326,755 ÷ Valuation \$773,528,749 = General Fund Levy .171519

Total General and Road Fund Levy as set by BOE .229981

Member Wertz offered Resolution #16-17 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:



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RESOLUTION NO. 16-17

WHEREAS the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2013, the County Board adopted *Resolution No. 13-16*, wherein the County Board resolved to include in future budgets such appropriations/tax requests as shall be necessary so that by July 31, 2018, the sum of \$245,361.00 transferred from the Hitchcock County Inheritance Tax Fund to the County Road Fund for the purchase in 2013 of two new motor graders, to wit: a CAT 12M2 for \$114,561.00, and a Deere 670GP for \$130,800.00, would be reimbursed/repaid from the County Road Fund, in such installments and at such time(s) as the County Board may deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, as of this date, the Hitchcock County Inheritance Tax Fund has received from the County Road Fund the total sum of \$122,680.50, pursuant to, and in accordance with, said *Resolution No. 13-16*, as follows: 10 equal payments of \$12,268.05, said payments having been made on April 21, 2014, July 21, 2014, October 20, 2014, January 20, 2015, April 6, 2015, July 6, 2015, October 19, 2015, January 19, 2016, April 18, 2016, and July 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as of this date, the Hitchcock County Inheritance Tax Fund balance is \$1,335,402.44; and

WHEREAS, the County Board continues to acknowledge that the use of inheritance tax funds is crucial to the implementation of the budget and allows for reduction of property taxes and the purchase of capital assets and other necessary expenses/expenditures that may not otherwise be due to limitations on restricted fund authority; and

WHEREAS, the County Board believes that the current balance held in the Hitchcock County Inheritance Tax Fund provides a sufficient cash reserve in the event of an emergency, and that it is no longer necessary at this time to further increase said Inheritance Tax Fund with additional transfer(s) from the County Road Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Board further believes it to be in the best interest(s) of the County and its taxpayers to discontinue any further appropriations/tax requests levied for the specific purpose of repaying to the Hitchcock County Inheritance Tax Fund, the unpaid balance of that transfer in October 2013 for the purchase of said motor graders.

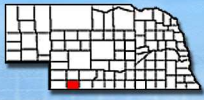
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that no additional payment(s)/transfer(s) shall be due and/or payable from the County Road Fund to the Hitchcock County Inheritance Tax Fund for the specific purpose of repaying to the Hitchcock County Inheritance Tax Fund, the unpaid balance of that transfer in October 2013 for the purchase of said motor graders, pursuant to, or in accordance with, said *Resolution No. 13-16*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent, and only to that extent, said *Resolution No. 13-16* directs or otherwise requires the repayment from the County Road Fund to the Hitchcock County Inheritance Tax Fund of the remaining unpaid balance of \$122,680.50, said *Resolution* is hereby modified and amended accordingly.

ADOPTED, PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of October, 2016.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair



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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Discussion held as to use of county road right of ways for access roads.

Property tax administrator Ruth Sorensen met with the board via phone conference. Patrons present Roland Hidy, Bill Fritsch, Francis Friehe and Rich Hampton. Discussion held as to operation of the Assessor's office in the event of a recall. Mrs. Sorensen advised that in the event of a recall, the property assessment division would staff the Hitchcock County Assessor's office until such time that a new assessor is appointed at no cost to the county and that all statutory deadlines would be met. Discussion held on assessor certificate requirements.

Larry Evans met with the board regarding beginning farmer and rancher grant through USDA relating to aquaponics.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon advised as to deficient bridges that would qualify for the new state match program.

Propane quotes were opened and reviewed. Mike Hedke was present. Southwest Fertilizer, Inc.: 87¢ per gallon on a pay as you go basis with a contract running from October 1st, 2016 through April 1st, 2017. Farmers Coop Grain and Supply: 5¢ per gallon discount off the propane price at the time of delivery with contract running from 10-3-16 through 3-31-17.

Member Wertz moved to accept the quote of Southwest Fertilizer, Inc. of 87¢ per gallon on a pay as you go basis with a contract running from October 1st, 2016 through April 1st, 2017. Member McDonald second the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$63.13 from Central Crude for oil production, credited to the General Fund; \$1.00 from Vonage Tax Account for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund.

The Sheriff's 3rd Quarter Report for 2016 was on file.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. and to meet on Monday, October 17th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret Pollmann, County Clerk